

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

OF

TREGARON
CARDIGANSHIRE.



PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 1961

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:

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Jos. R. Jones, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., - commenced 1st December, 1961.
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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR:

B. W. James, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

TREGARON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman
1960/61

Chairman
1961/62

Councillor D. L. Jones

Councillor W. D. Davies

The Council consists of 19 members
including the Chairman.

Public Health matters are considered
by the whole Council.

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Tregaron Rural District Council.

PREFACE

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report of the Health Department for the year ended 31st December, 1961.

The population living within the area has decreased by six hundred and ninety since the 1951 Census. The number of live births was sixty two, two less than 1960, and the adjusted birth rate is 15.43 per thousand as compared with 17.4 per thousand for England and Wales. There were two stillbirths and one infant death; these were unavoidable. No mother died as a result of childbirth.

The number of registered deaths was ninety five, an increase of twenty over 1960. The death rate per thousand is 16.4 as compared with 12.0 for England and Wales. By far the commonest cause of death is disease of the heart and arteries of the brain.

No cases of acute infectious diseases were notified. There were three new cases of tuberculosis and another person died from the disease.

A more detailed account of the work of the Health Department is found in the following pages. The Public Health Inspector has, quite rightly, drawn attention once again to the urgent need for adequate sewerage disposal schemes in the area.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

| | |
|--|---------|
| Area (in acres) | 121,546 |
| Population (Census 1951) | 5,450 |
| Population (Registrar General's Mid-Year 1961) | 4,760 |
| Rateable Value at 1st April, 1961 | £23,171 |
| Rateable Value at 1st April, 1962 | £23,230 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate 1961/62 | £89 |
| Estimated sum to be obtained by a penny rate 1962/63 | £88 |

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

| | | <u>1961</u> | | | <u>1960</u> |
|--|--------|--------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | <u>Total</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Number of registered live births | Leg: | 62 | 31 | 31 | 64 |
| | Illeg: | - | - | - | 3 |
| Number of registered stillbirths | Leg: | 1 | - | 1 | 2 |
| | Illeg: | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| Number of deaths of infants under 1 year | Leg: | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Illeg: | - | - | - | - |
| Number of deaths of infants under four weeks | Leg: | 1 | 1 | - | 1 |
| | Illeg: | - | - | - | - |
| Number of deaths of women ascribed to childbirth | | - | - | - | - |
| Number of registered deaths | | 95 | 42 | 53 | 75 |

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE AREA

| <u>BIRTHS</u> | <u>1961</u> | <u>1960</u> |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total | 62 | 67 |
| Rate per 1,000 population (crude) | 13.08 | 13.58 |
| Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted) | 15.43 | 16.02 |
| Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales | 17.4 | 17.1 |

STILLBIRTHS

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Total | 2 | 2 |
| Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths | 31.25 | 28.98 |
| Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths England and Wales | 18.7 | 19.7 |

| | | |
|--|---|---|
| <u>INFANT DEATHS</u> (deaths under one year) | 1 | 1 |
|--|---|---|

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births | 16.13 | 14.93 |
| Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births | 16.13 | 15.63 |
| Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births | - | - |

| | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| <u>NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births) | 16.13 | 14.93 |
|--|-------|-------|

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| <u>EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births) | 16.13 | 14.93 |
|---|-------|-------|

| | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| <u>PERI-NATAL MORTALITY RATE</u> (stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths) | 46.88 | 43.48 |
|--|-------|-------|

MATERNAL MORTALITY (including abortion)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Number of deaths | - | - |
| Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths | - | - |

DEATHS

| | | |
|---|-------|-------|
| Total | 95 | 75 |
| Rate per 1,000 population (crude) | 19.96 | 15.21 |
| Rate per 1,000 population (adjusted) | 16.37 | 12.93 |
| Rate per 1,000 population England and Wales | 12.0 | 11.5 |
| Areal comparability factor for births | 1.18 | 1.18 |
| Areal comparability factor for deaths | 0.82 | 0.85 |

CAUSES OF DEATH

Registrar
General's
Code
Number

Number of Deaths

| | <u>Causes of Death</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|----|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | Tuberculosis, respiratory | - | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | Tuberculosis, other | - | - | - |
| 3 | Syphilitic disease | - | - | - |
| 4 | Diphtheria | - | - | - |
| 5 | Whooping cough | - | - | - |
| 6 | Meningococcal infections | - | - | - |
| 7 | Acute poliomyelitis | - | - | - |
| 8 | Measles | - | - | - |
| 9 | Other infective and parasitic diseases | - | - | - |
| 10 | Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 4 | - | 4 |
| 11 | Malignant neoplasm lung, bronchus | 3 | - | 3 |
| 12 | Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | 2 | 2 |
| 13 | Malignant neoplasm, uterus | - | - | - |
| 14 | Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 15 | Leukaemia, aleukaemia | - | - | - |
| 16 | Diabetes | - | - | - |
| 17 | Vascular lesions of nervous system | 7 | 11 | 18 |
| 18 | Coronary disease, angina | 10 | 3 | 13 |
| 19 | Hypertension with heart disease | - | 1 | 1 |
| 20 | Other heart disease | 5 | 22 | 27 |
| 21 | Other circulatory disease | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 22 | Influenza | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| 23 | Pneumonia | - | 1 | 1 |
| 24 | Bronchitis | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| 25 | Other diseases of respiratory system | 1 | - | 1 |
| 26 | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | - | - | - |
| 27 | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | - | - | - |
| 28 | Nephritis and nephrosis | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 29 | Hyperplasia of prostate | 1 | - | 1 |
| 30 | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | - | - | - |
| 31 | Congenital malformations | - | - | - |
| 32 | Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 33 | Motor vehicle accidents | - | - | - |
| 34 | All other accidents | 1 | - | 1 |
| 35 | Suicide | - | - | - |
| 36 | Homicide and operations of war | - | - | - |

Total

42

53

95

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a list of the notifications of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis, received during the year.

| | |
|--|---|
| Diphtheria | - |
| Dysentery (amoebic and bacillary) | - |
| Encephalitis.. .. . | - |
| Erysipelas | - |
| Food poisoning | - |
| Measles.. .. . | - |
| Meningococcal meningitis | - |
| Paratyphoid fever.. .. . | - |
| Pneumonia (acute primary& acute influenzal) .. | - |
| Polionyelitis | - |
| Relapsing fever | - |
| Scarlet fever | - |
| Smallpox | - |
| Whooping cough | - |

TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the sex and age distribution of the new cases notified during the year.

| AGE GROUP | RESPIRATORY | | NON-RESPIRATORY | |
|-----------|-------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| 0 - 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1 - 2 | - | - | - | - |
| 2 - 4 | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - 9 | - | - | - | - |
| 10 - 14 | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - 19 | - | - | - | - |
| 20 - 24 | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - 34 | 1 | 1 | - | - |
| 35 - 44 | - | - | - | - |
| 45 - 54 | - | - | - | - |
| 55 - 64 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 65 - 74 | - | - | - | - |
| 75+ | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS | 2 | 1 | - | - |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

These remain essentially the same as in previous years and are under the control of the County Council.

SECTION 47 OF THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Action was taken once under the above Act, and the person removed to hospital.

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

International vaccination certificates were authenticated according to World Health Regulations.

JOS. R. JONES

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Cardiganshire Joint District Councils,
Swyddfa'r Sir,
(County Office),
ABERYSTWYTH.

June, 1962.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR AND SURVEYOR
FOR 1961

PREFACE

It gives me great pleasure to present my report for the year ended 31st December, 1961.

Although the interest on loans remained at a high rate the Council proceeded with the building of new old people's bungalows, pressed for the completion of draft sewerage and sewage disposal schemes, resolved to build new public conveniences, carried out improvements to the livestock market and continued to do everything possible to interest owners in improving property by offering improvement grants.

In a district with such a high proportion of aged persons the need for old people's dwellings is obvious and the Council are to be congratulated on having built nine new bungalows. Six of these are at Penrobyn, Tregaron, and three at Heol-y-Bannau, Pontrhydfendigaid. All are now occupied and the new bungalows and facilities are much appreciated by the tenants. There is a definite need for more dwellings of this type.

The inadequate and in many cases complete lack of sewerage and sewage disposal facilities in villages throughout the district received attention. The draft schemes for Llanddewi Brefi and Tregaron will shortly be submitted to the Ministry. It is, however, appalling that not one village or hamlet within the rural district has a proper sewerage system nor a sewage disposal works. Whilst appreciating that the proposed schemes for Llanddewi Brefi and Tregaron have been given consideration and have been the subject of numerous reports and discussions it is perhaps food for thought that at this slow rate of progress it will take about 25 years to provide only the larger villages with sewerage schemes, whilst smaller villages or hamlets may wait even longer.

As a lack of sewers means that it is virtually impossible to provide many houses with adequate drainage it suggests that such houses cannot be provided with essential amenities for another quarter of a century. However well-meaning has been the approach to the question of providing sewerage schemes I am of the opinion that considerably more thought, with a sense of urgency, must be given to providing sewerage schemes throughout the district.

The Council approved during the year a total of thirty applications for improvement grants. If this rate of progress could be maintained over a period of ten years more than 20% of all houses in the district will have received grants. Although it is true that more owner occupied houses are being improved with the aid of grants it is equally true that many of these owners would not have been able to improve the property had not a grant been available and many others have recently bought houses and improved them knowing that only an improvement grant would make the venture economically practicable.

From the various items in the following report it will be seen that substantial general progress has been made.

Record of Notices

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of Verbal Notices | 8 |
| Number of Informal (Preliminary) Notices.. .. | 2 |
| Number of Statutory Notices | 0 |

Results of Service of Notice

| | |
|--|---|
| Number of Verbal Notices complied with | 6 |
| Number of Informal (Preliminary) Notices complied with | 2 |

H O U S I N G

Tabular Statement on Housing Statistics

| | |
|---|----|
| 1. Number of houses found unfit after inspection.. .. | 19 |
| 2. Number of houses in which defects were remedied after informal action.. .. . | 7 |
| 3. Number of Representations to Local Authority | 10 |
| 4. Number of Notices requiring execution of works .. | 0 |
| 5. Number of Houses rendered fit after Formal Notice .. | 0 |
| 6. Number of Demolition Orders or Closing Orders Made.. | 0 |
| 7. Number of Undertakings accepted | 11 |
| 8. Number of Houses Demolished | 0 |
| 9. Number of Undertakings Cancelled | 0 |

ACTION UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS

(a) Representations as to Unfit Houses:

Ten representations were made under the Housing Act, 1957, in respect of houses unfit for human habitation, viz. Ddol, Bronnant; Cottage, Llangeitho; Glanrhyd Isaf, Llangeitho; Llwyngronwen, Pontrhydfendigaid; Meirion House, Pontrhydfendigaid; Tanrhiv, Tregaron; 6, Teify Street, Pontrhydfendigaid; Tyngwddwn, Tregaron; 1, Well Street, Tregaron and Glannant, Tyngraig.

(b) Acceptance From Owners of Undertaking Not to Let Unfit Dwellings:

Nine formal Undertakings not to let an unfit house were accepted in respect of the following: Ddol, Bronnant; Cottage, Llangeitho;

Glanrhyd Isaf, Llangeitho; Llwyngronwen, Pontrhydfendigaid; Meirion House, Pontrhydfendigaid; Tanrhiv, Tregaron; 6, Teify Street, Pontrhydfendigaid; Tyngwmdwn, Tregaron and 1, Well Street, Tregaron.

Two verbal undertakings not to let were given by the owners of Nos. 3 and 4, Mill Street, Llanddewi Brefi. Work has since commenced on the modernization of these houses.

Common Lodging Houses: There are no registered Common Lodging Houses in the area.

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Formal Applications approved during the year 1961 for Grants under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 and the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

A. Standard Grants approved:

- (1) Number of owner/occupied houses 8
- (2) Number of rented houses 2

| Ref. No | Premises | Maximum Grant |
|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | | £ |
| 61/SG/1. | Elder Court, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 155 |
| 61/SG/2. | Dolryrchain, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 80 |
| 61/SG/3. | Trecoll, Llwynpiod. | 155 |
| 61/SG/4. | 2, Pentre Hall, Tregaron. | 155 |
| 61/SG/5. | Gogoyan, Llanddewi Brefi. | 145 |
| 61/SG/6. | Pengraig Villa, Ystrad Meurig. | 155 |
| 61/SG/7. | Frondeg, Bontnewydd. | 80 |
| 61/SG/8. | Brynawel, Bronnant. | 145 |
| 61/SG/9. | Teifi View, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 145 |
| 61/SG/10. | 4, Well Street, Tregaron. | 155 |
| TOTALS | 10 | £1,370 |

B. Standard Grants Paid: Four.

| Ref. No. | Premises | Grant Paid |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------|
| 61/SG/A. | Tanrallt, Bwlchllan. | £ 149 |
| 61/SG/B. | Brenig View, Llanddewi Brefi. | 145 |
| 61/SG/C. | Dolyrychain, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 80 |
| 61/SG/D. | Elder Court, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 153 |
| TOTALS | 4. | £527 |

(C) Discretionary Improvement Grants Approved:

Number of owner/occupied houses - 16

Number of rented houses - 4

| Ref. No. | Premises | Amount of Improvement Grant Approved | | | Total Cost of Work Proposed | | |
|----------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|---|---|
| | | £ | s | d | £ | s | d |
| 61/1. | Ty Gwyn, Llangeitho. | 270 | 0 | 0 | 540 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/2. | Meurig Hse, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 848 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/3. | Penbont Stores, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 389 | 0 | 0 | 778 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/4. | Esgairmaen Fach, Tregaron. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 1,598 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/5. | Pentrebwlen, Llanddewi Brefi. | 375 | 0 | 0 | 750 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/6. | Bungalow, Ysbyty Ystwyth. | 139 | 0 | 0 | 278 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/7. | Ty Capel, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 363 | 0 | 0 | 726 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/8. | Goyallt, Llangeitho. | 322 | 0 | 0 | 644 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/9. | 3, Mill Street, Llanddewi Brefi. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 940 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/10. | 4, Mill Street, Llanddewi Brefi. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 940 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/11. | Tegfan, Ysbyty Ystwyth. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 1,131 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/12. | Black Lion, Pontrhydygroes. | 365 | 0 | 0 | 730 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/13. | Well House, Swyddffynnon. | 277 | 0 | 0 | 554 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/14. | Bryncynnon, Llanddewi Brefi. | 344 | 0 | 0 | 688 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/15. | Troedrhiw, Llanddewi Brefi. | 391 | 0 | 0 | 782 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/16. | Ardwyn, Llanddewi Brefi. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 1,072 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/17. | Ochr Dewi, Llanddewi Brefi. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 802 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/18. | Erw-Llan, Lledrod. | 345 | 0 | 0 | 690 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/19. | Brynteg, Pontrhydfendigaid. | 396 | 0 | 0 | 792 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/20. | Bronnant House, Tregaron. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 1,648 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 20. | 7,176 | 0 | 0 | 16,931 | 0 | 0 |

(D) Discretionary Grants Paid: Seven.

| Ref. No. | PREMISES | Amount of Improvement Grant Paid | | | Estimated Total Cost of Work | | |
|-------------|--|--|---|---|------------------------------------|---|---|
| | | £ | s | d | £ | s | d |
| 61/A. | 1 Poplar Terrace, Pontrhydfend- igaid. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 1,042 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/B. | 2, Poplar Terrace, Pontrhydfend- igaid. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 1,080 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/C. | 3, Poplar Terrace, Pontrhydfend- igaid. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 1,046 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/D. | Trecefel, Tregaron | 250 | 0 | 0 | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/E. | Ystrad Dewi, Llanio Road. | 391 | 0 | 0 | 782 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/F. | Erw Las, Llanddewi Brefi. | 339 | 0 | 0 | 678 | 0 | 0 |
| 61/G. | Olharch Fawr, Llangybi. | 400 | 0 | 0 | 1,322 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 7. | 2,580 | 0 | 0 | 6,450 | 0 | 0 |

(E) Unfit Houses Purchased for Improvement:

An application was made to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for a grant towards the modernization of the four unfit houses at Pentre Isaf, Tregaron, which were purchased by the Council. Confirmation that a grant will be made was received and tenders were invited for the work. The tender of a local builder was accepted and work has commenced on the houses.

DANGEROUS AND DILAPIDATED BUILDING.

A complaint was received regarding the dangerous and dilapidated condition of the building known as Bwlchyriw, Chapel Street, Tregaron. This was formerly a dwelling house which had been unoccupied for a number of years and had become derelict. There was considerable danger from falling slates and masonry. Following correspondence with the owner the roof was stripped and the building made reasonably safe.

RODENT CONTROL

Rodent control is carried out by the Council's foreman on a part time basis. There were no major infestations during the year although numerous premises were treated during the year and the two refuse tips were regularly baited.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

General: Numerous visits were paid to food shops, vans etc., and the attention of several occupiers was drawn to minor items requiring attention. Considerable work was carried out at one licenced hotel to provide separate sanitary conveniences for the sexes and to improve the standard of existing facilities. Slaughterhouses and butcher's shops were regularly visited for meat inspection purposes. More detailed information relating to some items is given below.

Ice Cream: There are no ice cream manufacturers in the area but fourteen premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the storage and sale of ice cream.

Milk: There are only two distributors of milk, as defined, registered by the Council, and one other distributor is registered by a neighbouring Council. Farmers retailing within the district are, of course, registered by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS:

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 - Misdescription of Fish.

Legal proceedings were taken against persons involved in the sale from vans of fish of a species other than that demanded by the purchaser, the proceedings being taken at Tregaron Magistrates Court by the Cardiganshire County Council as the Food and Drugs authority.

At Llanddewi Brefi I asked a van salesman for hake and received cod. Subsequently Stanley Pettit and Terence Pettit of Milford Haven (principals of the firm) were charged under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, with selling food not of the nature demanded, i.e. selling cod as hake; Cyril Walter Cockerell of Milford Haven was charged with aiding and abetting. Although represented by a solicitor the defendants pleaded guilty: Stanley and Terence Pettit, the owners, were fined £2 each plus £2.12.6 each advocate's fee and the salesman, Cyril Walter Cockerell, was fined £4.

At Tregaron I asked a van salesman for smoked haddock and received smoked pouting. Subsequently Reginald Walter Booth was similarly charged under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, with selling smoked pouting as smoked haddock. He pleaded guilty by letter and was fined £5 with £5. 5. 0. advocate's fee.

Complaint of Foreign Matter in Bread:

A Tregaron housewife bought a loaf which, when sliced, was seen to contain brownish patches. The matter was referred to the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures of the County Council who submitted the loaf for examination by the Public Analyst. The analyst's report indicated that the loaf did not contain any matter of an injurious nature and the sample was declared genuine.

UN SOUND FOOD:

The following foods were found on inspection to be unfit for human consumption and were voluntarily surrendered for disposal:-

From Shops etc:

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------|
| Butter | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 lbs. 8 ozs. |
| Currants | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 lbs. 8 ozs. |
| Canned Ham.. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 53 lbs. 2 ozs. |

From Slaughterhouses:

| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----------------------|
| Bovine Liver | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 lbs. 0 ozs. |
| Sheep's Liver | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 lbs. 0 ozs. |
| Total Amount of unsound food.. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 cwt 27 lbs. 2 ozs. |

MEAT INSPECTION:

There are two private slaughterhouses in the district, both in Tregaron, and producing meat of excellent quality. Two hundred and one visits were made to slaughterhouses and butcher's shops for meat inspection purposes which are summarized as follows:-

| | Cattle excluding Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs | Horses |
|---|-----------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|------|--------|
| Number inspected | 101 | - | - | 1,804 | - | - |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (a) Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned | 9 | - | - | 16 | - | - |
| Tuberculosis only | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cysticercosis | - | - | - | - | - | - |

SLAUGHTERHOUSE REPORT AND SLAUGHTERHOUSE ORDERS:

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food made The Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations (Appointed Day) Order, 1961, and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations (Appointed Day) Order, 1961. These orders appointed the 1st April, 1961, as the date when construction regulations applied to slaughterhouses in the district.

Although the premises were not brought up to standard by the 1st April, 1961, and the Council did not then issue renewal licences, both slaughterhouses were subsequently improved and renewal licences granted.

KNACKERS YARD

There is one licensed knackers yard in the area, i.e. The Kennels, Llangeitho, occupied by Mr. Bertie Stephens.

FACTORIES ACT

There are nineteen factories, as defined, within the rural district. This is a decrease of one over the previous year. Seventeen of the premises were "factories with power" and only two were a "factory without power". The only relatively big factory is the Milk Marketing Board Creamery at Pont Llanio. The appendix at the end of the report gives statistics relating to factories in the area.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The collection of refuse is undertaken weekly in the larger villages and fortnightly in the smaller villages and hamlets. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping at two tips, viz. Tyndomen, Tregaron, and Bryn Villa, Ystrad Meurig.

Litter bins have been provided throughout the district, the larger villages being well supplied with bins.

With the increased volume of refuse now being collected the existing lorry is too small and it has been agreed in principle to purchase a new, larger, refuse collection vehicle during the coming year. It is also hoped to institute a weekly collection throughout the district in the near future.

WATER SUPPLIES

Public Supplies: The South Cardiganshire Water Board is responsible for public supplies. The water is obtained from the Teify Pools reservoir within the Tregaron Rural District and is treated at the Board's treatment works at Strata Florida, Pontrhydfendigaid, before distribution to the Southern half of the County. The Engineer of the Board, Mr. Huw Prothero, M.A., M.I.C.E., A.M.I.Mun.E., M.I.W.E., has kindly given details, summarized

as follows, relating to sampling, purity etc., of public supplies:-

"(1) During the year ended 31st December, 1961, the following link mains were completed and the areas transferred from local sources to the Teifi Reservoir:-

| | |
|------------------|--------------------|
| Llanddewi Brefi. | Pontrhydfendigaid. |
| Pontrhydygroes. | Ysbyty Ystwyth. |
| Swyddffynnon. | Penrobyn. |
| Llwynygroes. | Ffair Rhos. |
| Tregaron. | Llundain Fach. |

(2) The following contracts were in progress during the year:-

| | | |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|
| Contract 13 | - | Penuwch Reservoir. |
| Contract 12 | - | Tregaron to Penuwch Reservoir. |
| Contract 53 | - | Bronnant and Lledrod. |

(3) The water supply of the area has been satisfactory in (i) quality and (ii) quantity.

(4) 40 No. bacteriological examinations were made of treated water, all of which were of excellent quality. 24 No. samples of raw water were taken which varied considerably.

(5) 26 No. Chemical analyses were made.

(6) The treated water from the Teify Reservoir is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action."

Private Supplies:

(a) Sampling: Twenty eight samples of water were taken from private water supplies and submitted for bacteriological examination. The results are summarized as follows:-

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----|
| Excellent .. | .. | .. | 5 |
| Satisfactory .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| Suspicious .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Unsatisfactory .. | .. | .. | 19 |

The total does not represent 28 different sources. It should be borne in mind that more than one sample may be taken from one source and on different days. Many sources initially found to be unsatisfactory produce satisfactory results after improvements, e.g. protective works at the source etc.

These samples are not from public water supplies, details of which are given separately.

(b) Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Grant Aided Water Schemes at Farms.

Results of analyses of water samples from small grant-aided private supplies in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food were submitted in respect of schemes at 18 farms. In many cases applications were deferred pending the carrying out of additional protective work and/or further sampling because of evidence of contamination.

The Council agreed to the use of water for domestic purposes at 13 farms.

STATISTICS:

Estimated number of dwelling houses and population supplied from public water mains.

| Parish | Total Population of Parish | Number of Houses connected to public water main and the population served | | Number of houses served by stand- pipes | |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|---|--------------|---|------------|
| | | | Population | | Population |
| Betws Leiki: | 145 | 6 | 21 | - | - |
| Blaenpennal: | 251 | - | - | - | - |
| Caron Lower: | 1,153 | 258 | 730 | 37 | 74 |
| Caron Upper: | 308 | 23 | 70 | 40 | 124 |
| Gartheli: | 169 | 11 | 34 | 3 | 9 |
| Gwnnws Lower: | 189 | 10 | 31 | 8 | 24 |
| Gwnnws Upper: | 386 | 64 | 198 | 36 | 111 |
| Gwynfil: | 213 | 25 | 77 | 9 | 27 |
| Llanbadarn Odwyn: | 175 | - | - | - | - |
| Llanddewi Brefi: | 637 | 79 | 245 | 44 | 136 |
| Llangeitho: | 296 | - | - | - | - |
| Lledrod Lower: | 277 | - | - | - | - |
| Lledrod Upper: | 166 | 4 | 6 | - | - |
| Nantcwnlle: | 371 | 19 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
| Ysbyty Ystwyth: | 304 | 37 | 144 | 36 | 111 |
| TOTALS: | 5,040 | 536 | 1,561 | 214 | 618 |

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal:

It is with regret I have to report, as in previous years, that sewerage and sewage disposal facilities are not only inadequate but are for the greater part of the district non-existent. Even in Tregaron, the biggest centre of population in the area, the sewers are inadequate and

the disposal system obsolete. Some parts of Llanddewi Brefi, Llangeitho and Pontrhydfendigaid are served by sewers which were originally surface water sewers. There are no sewers in the villages of Pontrhydygroes and Ysbyty Ystwyth nor in the smaller villages and hamlets of Berth/Tynreithyn, Bronnant, Lledrod, Swyddffynnon, Ffair Rhos, Ystrad Meurig, Tyngraig, Penuwch, Bwlchllan etc.

Although the Council's Consultant Engineers have been preparing sewerage and sewage disposal schemes for Tregaron and Llanddewi Brefi and these are both in final stages, further progress was prevented by inability to complete negotiations for the purchase of land for the sewage disposal works. However, it is hoped that early in 1962 both schemes will be submitted for Ministry approval.

The Council have also asked the Consultant Engineers to prepare schemes for Pontrhydfendigaid and Ysbyty Ystwyth/Pontrhydygroes. No proposals have been suggested nor even considered for Llangeitho which urgently needs a sewerage scheme.

I would again say that lack of a proper sewer is a tremendous disadvantage when trying to get owners to improve properties. In many cases it is virtually impossible to bring houses up to standard because no sewer is available. Lack of sewers is quite definitely a major factor in the relatively low standard of amenities in the older houses in villages in the district.

TREGARON LIVESTOCK MARKET

The livestock market, adjoining Station Road, Tregaron, is a well known and conveniently situated centre, serving a wide area. The market premises are owned by the Council and let to an auctioneer for the purpose of holding livestock sales. Regular fortnightly sales are held together with other special seasonal sales of livestock.

During the year a new washing bay was constructed to cater for the cattle lorries using the market. No proper facilities were previously available and the new washing bay is a considerable improvement.

A scheme for additional penning accommodation was also agreed. The work on this extension should be commenced before the end of the current financial year, and when completed will provide much-needed extra accommodation for cattle.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Council have provided four public conveniences. Two of these are situated in Tregaron and the others at Pontrhydfendigaid and Llanddewi Brefi. Routine cleansing and maintenance of these conveniences is of course carried out by the council's workmen.

Although it was not possible to proceed further with plans for public conveniences at Ysbyty Ystwyth and Pontrhydygroes due to lack of sites, a suitable site has been offered to the Council at Llangeitho and draft plans are being prepared for the building.

HOUSING ESTATES, MAINTENANCE, BUILDING, DEPOSIT OF PLANS ETC.

Council Houses: The number of Council houses increased during the year from 94 to 107. This followed the building of six old people's bungalows at Penrobyn, Tregaron, three similar bungalows at Heol-y-bannau, Pontrhydfendigaid, and the purchase under the Housing Act, 1957, of four old unfit houses at Pentre Isaf, Tregaron, which are now being modernized.

The building of three old people's bungalows at Llanddewi Brefi was deferred although tenders had been received. This was because Ministerial permission to build cannot be obtained until plans for the Llanddewi Brefi sewerage scheme are finalized.

The Council were advised that the Brynawel fields adjoining the Brynheulog and Minygors council housing estates would be very suitable for building and as it was understood that the owner was negotiating for the sale of one plot he might be interested in negotiating for the sale of the fields. The Council have agreed to negotiate with the owner for the purchase of the land.

The following is a summary of Council owned houses and their distribution throughout the district:-

| Village | Estate | Number of | | Total |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| | | Houses | Bungalows | |
| Llanddewi Brefi: | Heolygorwydd. | 2 | 8 | 10 |
| Llangeitho: | Glynaeron. | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Llwyngroes: | Maesyrefail. | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Pontrhydfendigaid: | Heolybannau. | 24 | 3 | 27 |
| Pontrhydygroes: | Maesyderi. | 10 | 0 | 10 |
| Tregaron: | Brynheulog. | 14 | 0 | 48 |
| | Maesyrawel. | 12 | 0 | |
| | Minygors. | 10 | 0 | |
| | Penrobyn. | 2 | 6 | |
| | Pentre Isaf. | 4 | 0 | |
| TOTALS: | | 90 | 17 | 107 |

Maintenance of Council Houses:

Maintenance work is carried out by the Council's own workmen, i.e. a foreman and a painter/carpenter. The houses, with the exception of the four unfit houses recently purchased at Pentre Isaf, are all postwar houses and are reasonably well maintained.

Plans Approved:

The following plans were submitted under the requirements of the Council's Building Byelaws and were subsequently approved:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| New Houses | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| New Bungalows | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5 |
| Alterations or Improvements to Houses | | | | | | .. | .. | .. | .. | 38 |
| Garages | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 |
| New Shop | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| New Petrol Filling Station | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4 |
| TOTAL | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 53 |

Private Houses:

One private house and 4 bungalows were completed during the year and 4 houses and 2 bungalows are now in the course of erection.

CARAVAN SITES

Three applications for caravan site licences were considered, all for permanent residential caravans, two applications being approved subject to conditions and one application was refused. A summary of the applications is given below.

Site at Railway Hotel Yard, Tregaron:

This was an application for a licence for a site for single caravan in the yard of the Railway Hotel, Station Road, Tregaron. Planning Permission was refused and therefore a Caravan Site Licence was also refused.

Site at Blaennant Fach, Tregaron:

This was an application for a site licence for a single permanent residential caravan in a field adjoining the road. The application was approved subject to conditions.

Site at Trewaun, Llwynpiod:

This was an application for a site licence for two permanent residential caravans in a field near the farm house at Trewaun. The application was approved subject to conditions.

The last two sites are the only ones within the district which are licensed under the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

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APPENDIX

Factories Acts 1937 and 1959.

Parts I and VIII of the Factories Act, 1937.

Part I. (Inspections).

| Premises (1) | M/c Line No. (2) | Number on Register (3) | Number of Inspections (4) | Number of Written Notices (5) | Number of Occupiers Prosecuted (6) | M/c Line No. (7) |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority. | 1 | 2 | 0 | - | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. | 2 | 17 | 11 | - | - | - |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises). | 3 | - | - | - | - | - |
| TOTALS: | | 19 | 11 | - | - | - |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND - NIL.

Part VIII of the Act (Out-work) There are no outworkers within the Rural District.

